



Staff Report

Report To:	South Huron Council
From:	Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Date:	May 22 2018
Report:	CAO 12-2018
Subject:	Cat Voucher Program

Recommendations:

That the report of Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer dated May 22, 2018 regarding a Cat Voucher Program be received; and

That the Cat Voucher Program be approved as outlined in this report; and

That Staff be authorized to enter into an Agreement with East Village Animal Hospital (EVAH) in order to access EVAH services to implement the Cat Voucher Program.

Purpose:

Council approval

Background and Analysis:

On March 6, 2018, the Committee of the Whole reviewed and discussed next steps and other options for a cat control program, including resources and possible partnership opportunities that could be explored. The Committee discussed in detail the possible terms, sponsorship options and budget for a voucher program.

Subsequently, on March 20, 2018 Council was presented with a draft program for a voucher program with the following elements:

- The program would be universal
- Pilot project would be until December 31, 2018

- Budget would be established at \$5,000

The Committee discussed the cat voucher program in detail and suggested amendments to the program including requirement of length of residency in South Huron and change wording from "residence" to "household".

East Village Animal Hospital already provides services that include a cat voucher program. The following elements are part of the East Village Animal Hospital program:

In order to access EVAH services, pet owners must be on some type of social assistance, under a certain income level, or are participating in a TNR colony/stray cat release and manage. The expectation is screening is done at the Municipal Office in order to obtain a voucher/book services. To become an EVAH client, the individual is certifying that total household income is below the following:

- 1 income earner household: \$40,131
- 2 income earner household: \$49,956
- 3 income earner household: \$61,413

Proof of government assistance, or a copy of CRA Notice of Assessment or Re-Assessment for each adult household resident (except students under the age of 25) must be presented at the first first appointment. If household income is above the figure shown below, but extenuating circumstances exist, EVAH could consider exceptions subject to a written request.

Payment (credit or debit or cash) must be paid in full prior to entering the examination room at an appointment time, and prior to spay/neuter surgery. In addition, a \$20 deposit may be retained if an appointment is cancelled without 24 hours of the booked appointment time. Future prepayment for procedures or appointments may also be required. EVAH is an appointment-only clinic – animals requiring veterinary medical attention outside of EVAH's business hours should be taken to your local after-hours Veterinary Clinic.

EVAH provides two locations in Kitchener and London. Kitchener is slightly more money based on operational costs. The following outlines the costs at both sites:

Kitchener Location	
Spay	\$100 +HST
Neuter	\$75.00 + HST

TNR Only Cat Outdoor Only Barn Spay	\$50 + HST
TNR Only Cat Outdoor Only Barn Neuter	\$35 + HST

In addition, rabies vaccinations would be required unless proof of vaccines presented at time of surgery. +10.00/+hst

TNR only: Cat Outdoor Only Barn must be in live trap (includes ear tip, neuter, rabies vx)

London Location	
Spay	\$75.00 +HST
Neuter	\$65.00 + HST
TNR Only Cat Outdoor Only Barn Spay	\$60 + HST
TNR Only Cat Outdoor Only Barn Neuter	\$35 + HST

In addition, rabies vaccinations would be required unless proof of vaccines presented at time of surgery. +10.00/+hst

TNR only: Cat Outdoor Only Barn must be in live trap (includes ear tip, neuter, rabies vx)

Base don the above information, it is recommended to proceed with a pilot program until December 31, 2018 pased on the parameters outlined by EVAH. In addition, the budget for the program should be set at \$5,000.

Operational Considerations:

1. Proceed with the program as outlined by EVAH and in this report. This is the preferred option as the program is already in existience and it will allow us to assess demand and need to move beyond the pilot project.
2. Proceed with a universal program. This is not a preferred option as we would need to seek out a partner as EVAH would not want to be part of a universal program. This would result in a delay in implementation and at this time it would be questionable due to existing priorities whether this program would come to fruition in 2018 due to resource capacity.

3. Do nothing. This is not an option that it would appear from the discussion at Committee that Council would entertain.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key objectives that are reflective of the collective perspectives of the strategic planning process. The recommendations and actions outlined in this report are reflective of the following strategic objectives:

- ✓ Improved recreation and community well-being
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

The financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report would be \$5000. As discussed at the Committee meeting, it is anticipated that funding for this program can be accommodated within the 2018 operating budget.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Policies/Legislation:

None

Consultation:

None

Related Documents:

None

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk